



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

**March 4, 2015**  
**Schedule 34**

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## **SENATE BILL INTRODUCED *March 3, 2015***

### **SB 893     Senator Manno**

#### **COMMISSION ON FREE TRADE, CURRENCY MANIPULATION, AND STATE SOVEREIGNTY – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Commission on Free Trade, Currency Manipulation, and State Sovereignty; requiring the Commission to conduct an annual assessment, provide a mechanism for input by interested persons, work with interested groups, and develop recommendations, as specified; authorizing the Commission to recommend specified legislation; requiring the Commission to submit an annual report to the Governor, Maryland Congressional Delegation, and specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015**

**SG, § 9-3101 - added**

**Assigned to: Senate Rules**

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**SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED March 4, 2015****SB 894     Senator Pugh, et al****PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES – BLIND INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES OF MARYLAND – JANITORIAL PRODUCTS**

Repealing the requirement that a State or State aided or controlled entity include in specified maintenance contracts a requirement that a prime contractor procure janitorial products from the Blind Industries and Services of Maryland under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SF, § 14-103 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 895     Senator Simonaire****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PASADENA BASEBALL CLUB**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Pasadena Baseball Club, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Pasadena Baseball Club field, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 896     Senator Jennings, et al****MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS NO-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM AND FUND**

Establishing the Military Personnel and Veteran-Owned Small Business No-Interest Loan Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Business and Economic Development to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the Fund may be used to make loans to specified applicants; and defining a term.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EC, §§ 5-1001 and 5-1006 - amended and § 5-1006 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 897 Senator Muse****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY –  
CROSSLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Education of Prince George’s County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Crossland High School, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 898 Senator Klausmeier****WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY  
BENEFITS – COMPENSATION**

Altering the number of weeks used to determine the amount of compensation an employer or its insurer is required to pay a specified covered employee for a permanent partial disability under specified provisions of law; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, §§ 9-628 and 9-629 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 899 Senator Waugh, et al****OFFSHORE WIND – APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED PROJECT –  
EVALUATION AND APPROVAL**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to evaluate the extent to which an applicant’s plan for a specified proposed offshore wind project directly or indirectly encroaches on existing private, State, federal, or military infrastructure, resources, facilities, ranges, or operating environments; and prohibiting the Commission from approving an applicant’s proposed offshore wind project unless the proposed offshore wind project will not impact specified restricted areas and a specified warning area in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 7-704.1(d)(1)(xiii) and (xiv) and (e)(1) - amended and § 7-704.1(d)(1)(xiv) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 900     Senator Waugh, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – ABORTIONS – PHYSICIAN REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a physician who performs or induces an abortion to have admitting privileges at a hospital that meets specified criteria; requiring a physician, before performing or inducing an abortion, to provide the woman terminating her pregnancy with specified contact information; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$4,000 for violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 20-211 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 901     Senator Benson****STANDARD BRED RACING – PURSE DEDUCTIONS AND OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO ROSECROFT RACEWAY**

Requiring that a specified organization representing standardbred owners and trainers set an amount not less than 1% or more than 2% to be deducted from purses offered in specified races to be paid to the organization; and repealing specified requirements concerning the rehiring of specified workers and the recognition of specified collective bargaining agreements that a holder of a racing license at Rosecroft Raceway must meet to obtain assistance from a specified account.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

BR, § 11-607 - added and SG, § 9-1A-28(h) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 902     Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES**

Establishing in Frederick County a Class B–CC (conference center) license, a Class BLX (luxury restaurant) license, and a Class MEC (micro–brewery/entertainment center) license; specifying requirements for the licensed establishments; specifying the types of alcoholic beverages that may be sold for on–premises consumption in locations at the licensed establishments; providing for the hours of sale and license fees; requiring that the Board of License Commissioners define a specified term; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 2-208(b)(3), 8-211(b), and 9-102(a) - amended and § 6-201(l)(8) through (10) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 903**     **Senator Rosapepe****STATE BOARD OF TREE EXPERTS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the State Board of Tree Experts in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; providing for the composition of the Board and the qualifications, appointments, removal, terms, and expenses of the Board members; requiring the Board to adopt a code of ethics for practicing as a tree expert; prohibiting a person from practicing as a tree expert in the State without a license issued by the Board, subject to specified exceptions; establishing specified qualifications for a license; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

BOP, Various Sections - added and amended, BR, § 2-108(a)(23) and SG, § 8-403(b)(55) - added, and NR, §§ 5-415 through 5-423 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules